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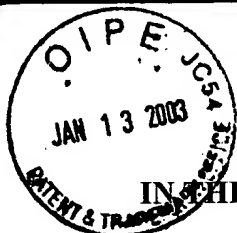
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Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 11-13.

Please add claim ²⁷14.

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Please Amend the claims as indicated below. A clean set of all pending claims as amended follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached hereto.

1. Method for the removal of biological species from water comprising the steps of contacting the water with an uncoated aluminium based medium which contains surface Al-OH groups for a time and under conditions such that a proportion of the biological species present in the water are absorbed onto said medium and removed from the water in a sufficient amount to make the water fit for human use or activity.

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